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FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP: MONDALE, WALTER F.

SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO ICELAND

REF: (A) REYKJAVIK 125; (B) REYKJAVIK 114

1. ICELANDIC OFFICIALS HAVE SUGGESTED FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS  
BE MADE IN PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT:

(A) VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER WILL STILL MEET IN  
LARGER ROOM OF TWO ROOM RECEPTION SUITE AS PREVIOUSLY  
SCHEDULED; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE CONCLUDED SECOND ROOM IS  
TOO SMALL FOR REMAINDER OF OFFICER PARTY AND THEREFORE WILL  
BE PLEASED INSTEAD TO HOST LATTER GROUP IN CAFETERIA AREA ON  
GROUND FLOOR OF THE TERMINAL. (B) MAIN ROOM OF RECEPTION  
SUITE CAN ONLY SEAT MAXIMUM OF NINE RPT NINE INDIVIDUALS.  
SINCE PRIME MINISTER WILL DEFINITELY BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
AT LEAST TWO OTHERS (MESSRS BJORNSSON AND BJARNASON)  
PARTICIPATION ON AMERICAN SIDE WILL NECESSARILY BE LIMITED  
TO MAXIMUM OF FIVE INCLUDING VICE PRESIDENT AND AMBASSADOR  
ON OUTSIDE CHANCE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ATTEND.

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2. GOI HAS INFORMED US THAT PRESS  
PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TELEVISION CAMERAMEN WILL BE PRESENT  
WHEN VICE PRESIDENT LEAVES PLANE AND AGAIN WHEN HE  
DESCENDS FROM MEETING ON SECOND FLOOR OF TERMINAL.  
WHILE NO RPT NO PRESS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED,  
REPORTERS MAY TRY TO POSE QUESTIONS WHILE VICE PRESIDENT'S

PARTY IS RETURNING TO PLANCE. INSOFAR AS THEY WOULD RELATE TO DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER, WE BELIEVE VICE PRESIDENT COULD LIMIT HIMSELF TO INDICATION THAT HE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH PRIME MINSISTER ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND THAT THEY HAD AGREED THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS.

3. PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY BJORNSSON, WHO IS COORDINATING VISIT ON GOI SIDE HAS ASKED WHETHER CHARTER PRESS PLANE WILL BE ON GROUND AT AIRPORT THROUGHOUT VICE PRESIDENT'S STOPOVER AND, IF SO, WHETHER ITS PRESS CORPS PASSENGERS WILL DEPLANE. BJORNSSON MUST HAVE THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER TO MAKE APPROPRIATE PREPARATION THIS GROUP. HE EXPRESSED HOPE INFO WOULD BE PROVIDED NLT JANUARY 28.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLEASE ADVISE BY NIACT IMMEDIATE WHICH MEMBERS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY WILL ATTEND MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER. (B) NEED FOR INFORMATION SOONEST ON DISPOSITION OF CHARTERED PRESS PLANE (REQUESTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE AND IN PARA 4 IN REF A) INCREASINLGY URGENT. PLEASE ADVISE. (C) WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE WILLING TO ANSWER SOME REPORTER'S QUESTIONS AFTER MEETING. FYI WE HAVE AGAIN IMPRESSED UPON GOI TIME CONSTRAINT ON VICE PRESIDENT.  
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